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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-7 (canceled).

Claim 8 (currently amended): A fastening tool comprising:

a housing;

a magazine connected to the housing for storing a fastener;

a driving mechanism disposed within the housing for driving the fastener into a workpiece;

a trigger assembly pivotally attached to the housing for activating the driving mechanism, the trigger assembly comprising a main trigger pivotally attached to the housing, and a supplemental trigger pivotally attached to the main trigger;

a contact trip assembly comprising an upper contact trip contacting the supplemental trigger, and a lower contact trip connected to the upper contact trip, said contact trip assembly moving along a first direction substantially vertically to move at least one of the main trigger and the supplemental trigger;

an adjuster supported by one of the upper contact trip and the lower contact trip, the adjuster having teeth that can mesh with teeth disposed on the other of the upper contact trip and the lower contact trip, the adjuster being movable between a first position where the teeth of the adjuster and the other of the upper contact trip and the lower contact trip mesh, and a second position where the teeth of the adjuster and the other of the upper contact trip and the lower contact trip do not mesh,

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wherein the adjuster moves between the first and second positions along a second direction substantially perpendicular to the first direction;

a knob rotatably attached to the housing;

a link connected to the adjuster at one end and to the knob at the other end for moving the adjuster between the first and second positions upon rotation of the knob.

Claim 9 (original): The fastening tool of Claim 8, wherein the knob has a channel for slidably receiving the link.